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October 9, 1975

Mr. William E. Colby  
Director of Central Intelligence  
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Dear Mr. Colby:

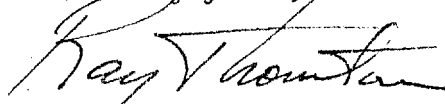
Late this month my Subcommittee will be holding oversight hearings on the transfer of technology between the United States and the OPEC countries. We are particularly interested in the extent to which modern technology is being infused into the OPEC member countries in the Near East.

Although our hearing will cover all the OPEC countries, our focus necessarily will be on Saudi Arabia and Iran. It is our understanding that these countries, in addition to their substantial contacts with the United States, also are importing modern technology from Western Europe, Japan, the Eastern Bloc countries, and perhaps others. However, we do not have a clear picture of the extent to which technology is flowing from all these sources. We are interested in assessing the long term future impact on our own technological position in the world, including the future potential for strong competition in technological products on the world market.

I am therefore writing to ask you if you or a senior member of your analysis staff would be prepared to appear before our Subcommittee to present a discussion of this question. Our emphasis would be on receiving a factual presentation of the extent to which technology is flowing into the OPEC countries from all sources.

Our hearings are scheduled for the week of October 27th. Should you wish to discuss specific aspects of this request, please call me or Dr. John Holmfeld of the Committee staff.

Sincerely yours,



RAY THORNTON

Chairman

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The briefing that was originally scheduled for 28 October was CANCELLED. Mr. Proctor asked me to hold OER's briefing for the subject until another meeting is scheduled (if one ever is).

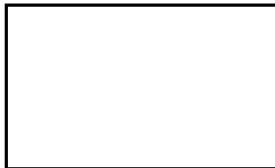
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may be asked to provide a briefer.

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